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Modoc County, located in the northeast corner of California, is bordered on the west by Siskiyou County and Lassen and Shasta counties border to the south.

Modoc County is expected to experience slow, steady growth. The county's population is projected to be 12,400 by the year 2020, which will amount to an increase of 18 percent over the current population.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for Modoc County to be 4,000 with an unemployment rate of 8.5 percent. The state's unemployment rate for the same year was 5.2 percent.

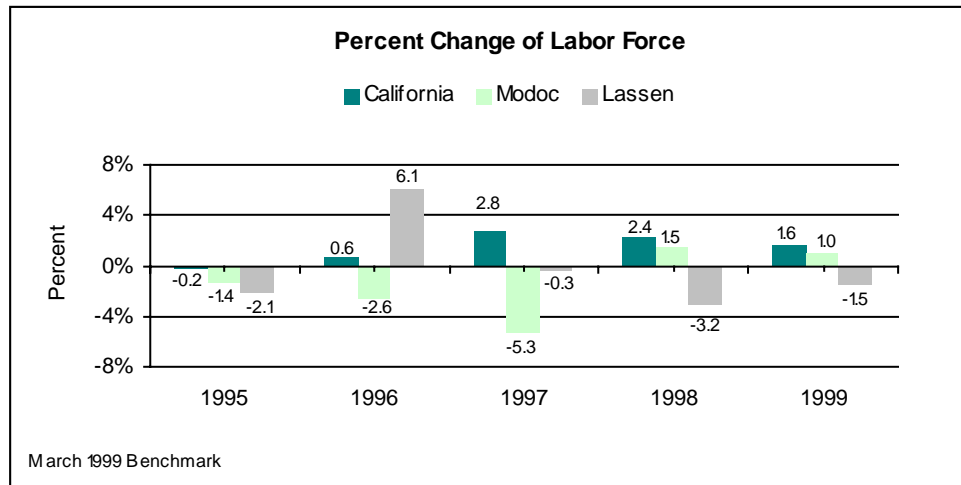
Government, the dominant industry sector in the county, provides 44 percent of total employment, with most of the jobs available in local government. Other significant industries are agriculture and retail trade, which each make up about 14 percent of the total.

Most of the jobs in Modoc County's future nonfarm wage and salary employment will be in the services, trade, and government sectors. Services, the fastest growing industry, is projected to have a 20.7 percent growth over the projection period 1997 to 2004. Trade is projected to grow by 12.2 percent, with an equal number of new jobs available in wholesale trade and retail trade. Government will experience 4.6 percent growth by 2004.

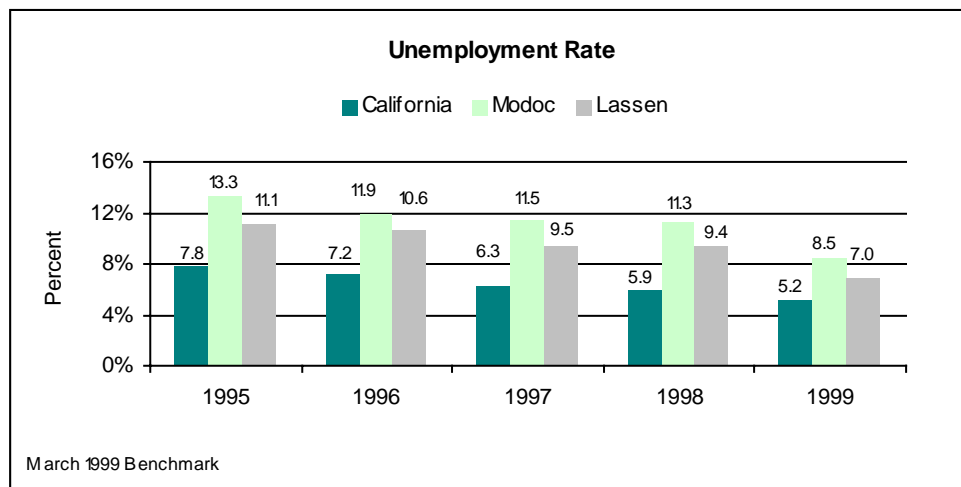
Despite fluctuations in labor force, Modoc County continues to record increases in nonfarm employment. Job growth creates opportunity and is considered to be one measure of economic health. The county is projected to experience growth during the 1997-2004 forecast period.

LABOR FORCE

In 1998, the civilian labor force in Modoc County rebounded with 1.5 percent growth after experiencing declines in three previous years. The county maintained the growth in 1999. Neighboring Lassen County has recorded declines in labor force in recent years.

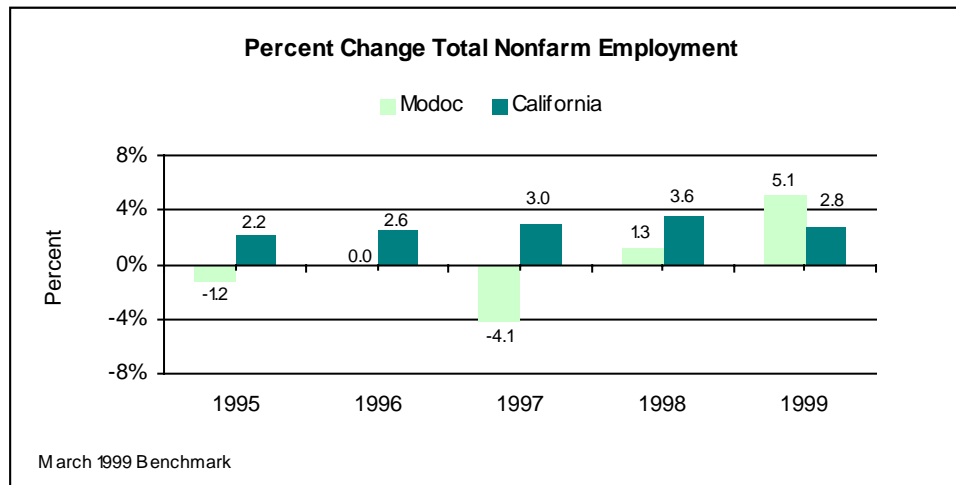


Annual average unemployment rates for both Modoc and Lassen counties have been declining since 1995. The unemployment rate for Modoc County dropped by 4.8 percentage points from a high of 13.3 percent in 1995 to 8.5 percent in 1999.

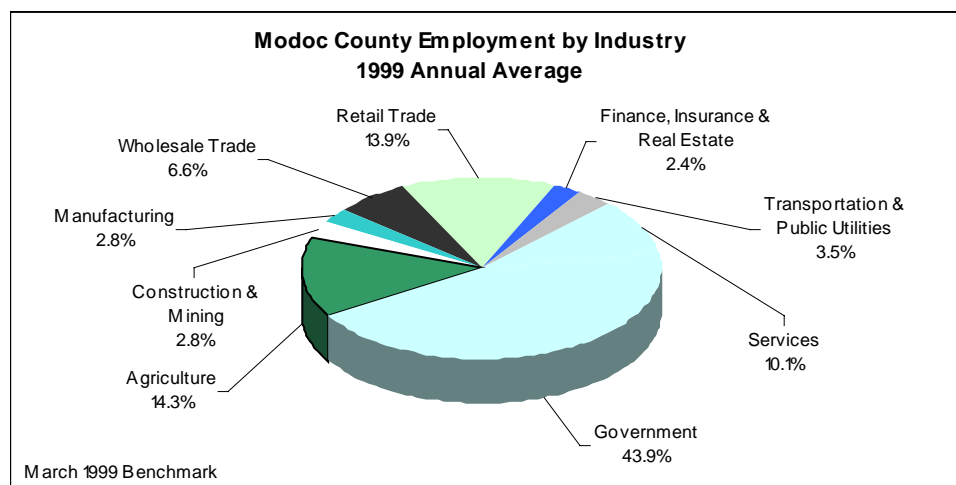


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

After recording a decline in nonfarm wage and salary employment in 1997, Modoc County rebounded with 1.3 percent growth in 1998, followed by a significant 5.1 percent growth in 1999. The 1999 growth was due, in part, to gains in the trade industry sector, specifically in wholesale trade. The state's rate of growth was 2.8 percent for the same year.



In 1999, the government, agricultural, and retail trade sectors dominated Modoc County employment. Projections in nonfarm employment for this area indicate that services, retail trade and government will account for over 81 percent of the job growth forecast for the period 1997 to 2004.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Occupational projections for Modoc County are combined with Del Norte, Lassen, Plumas, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties and published as the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NORTEC) projections.

Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 20.7%
	Registered Nurses – 60 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.33
	Amusement, Recreation Attendants – 60 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.72
	General Managers, Top Executives – 50 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.81
	Computer Support Specialist – 50 job openings. Provide technical assistance and training to computer system users. They investigate and resolve computer software and hardware problems for users. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$17.65
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager, Clerical ADM SUP – 50 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of clerical and administrative support workers. Managers / Supervisors are generally found in smaller establishments where they perform both supervisory and management functions. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$12.39
Associated Occupations	TRADE 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 12.2%
	General Managers, Top Executives – 10 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.81
	Truck Drivers, Heavy – 10 job openings. Drive tractor-trailer combinations or trucks with a capacity of more than three tons to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials in liquid, loose or packaged form. They may be required to unload trucks. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$11.90
	Cashiers – 10 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.87
	Bakers, Bread And Pastry – 10 job openings. Mix and bake ingredients according to recipes to produce small quantities of breads, pastries, and other baked goods for consumption on premises or for sale as specialty baked goods. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.88
	Food Preparation Workers – 10 job openings. Perform a variety of food preparation duties, such as preparing cold foods and maintaining and cleaning kitchen work areas, equipment, and utensils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.91
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 4.6%
	Corrections Officers And Jailers – 130 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.24
	Police Patrol Officers – 40 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$26.29
	Recreation Workers – 20 job openings. Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.96
	Emergency Medical Technicians – 20 job openings. Administer first aid treatment and transport sick or injured persons to medical facility, working as a member of an emergency medical team. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.77
	Maintenance Repairers, General Utility – 20 job openings. Perform work involving two or more maintenance skills to keep the machines, mechanical equipment, and/or structure of an establishment in repair. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.80

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